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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF, G-2, DEPARTMENT
OF THE ARMY

SUBJECT: Communist Penetration, Northern Italy; Labor and
Front Organizations
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REFERENCE: [REDACTED]

1. In response to your request contained in the memorandum under reference, CIA reports that the following information on the subject is immediately available in our files:

(a) Required Labor Report, June 1949 (Rome, No. 120, June 30, 1949) gives percentage of votes for Communists, PSI, PSLI and Republicans at the third national congress of the railway workers union May 30-June 2.

(b) Required Labor Report, November 1949 (Rome, No. 281, December 19, 1949) gives statistics from Il Globo, showing losses incurred by CGIL between 1948 and 1949 in various branches of industry such as textiles, chemicals, building, transport, etc.

(c) Despatch No. 150, Florence, July 15, 1949 on the national congress of the CGIL Government Employees union gives membership figures for 1947, 1948, 1949 for this union.

(d) Milan document No. 8, January 11, 1950 on the January 10 general strike in Milan gives figures on a percentage basis, showing the absence of workers from various industrial firms in the Milan area during the strike called by the CGIL.

(e) Report No. 9, Milan, January 18, 1950 on trade union strength and tactics in the Milan consular district gives estimated figures on the strength of the CGIL and the non-Communist labor organizations in the area studied and useful comments on the relative strength of these organizations.

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(f) Report R-1-49, 11 January 1949 from the MI Rome on Communist penetration of Italian industry.

(g) Report R-223-49, 30 June 1949 from the MI Rome on Communist infiltration into various groups of Italian labor.

(h) Airgram No. 966, July 19, 1949 from Rome giving comments on relative strength of the CGIL and non-Communist unions among port workers, seamen, railway employees, etc.

All these reports are of State Department origin.

2. CIA is making a further collection effort, and will forward the results as they are received.

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